



Spending Christmas and New Years at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, will be James L. Haefell, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. Norma Haefell of 915 Border, serving aboard the tank landing ship USS Floyd County.

During the first two weeks of December, the Floyd County took part in the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization amphibious exercise "Phiblink," in Dingalan Bay, Philippines. The ship was one of 30 allied ships which participated in the assault landing of combined units of U.S. Marines, Philippine Army, Navy and Marines, plus Underwater Demolition teams from both countries.

Marine Pvt. George L. Koshak, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Koshak, 1326 W. 253rd St., Harbor City, completed four weeks of individual combat training Nov. 29 at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. The course included the latest infantry tactics, first aid, demolitions, field fortifications and advanced schooling on weapons.

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Two Torrance area sailors were among those taking part in a striking force training exercise—"Strikex"—with the First Fleet off the Southern California coast recently.

They were Victor E. White, chief boatswain's mate, 1150 E. Joel St., and Jon G. Phillips, interior communications electrician third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Phillips, 4705 Ave. C. White was aboard the heavy cruiser USS St. Paul and Phillips is on the destroyer USS Boyd.

The operation emphasized the latest and most modern tactics in air and guided missile strikes against land mass, air defense, anti-submarine and replenishment operations. Fourteen thousand personnel and 37 ships of the First Fleet participated, as well as carrier and land based aircraft from Southern California bases.

Raymond W. Howell, radarman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Howell of 3809 181st St., and husband of the former Miss Carole S. Jackson of 1417 1/2 W. 227th St. took part in the commissioning ceremonies of the Navy's newest escort vessel, USS Bauer, at San Francisco, on Nov. 21.

Designed for submarine search, attack warfare, scouting and convoy duty, the Bauer shows improvement over the World War II escort ships in that her silhouette design is lower and will make detection by enemy ships more difficult. Her hull design will also permit higher speeds in rough seas.

The Bauer will join Pacific Fleet Destroyer Escort Squadron Three at San Diego, Calif., in January.

Marine Pfc. Benny Flores Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Flores of 1618 W. 215th St., completed four weeks of individual combat training Nov. 29 at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. The course included the latest infantry tactics, first aid, demolitions, field fortifications and advanced schooling on weapons.

Marine Pvt. Richard K. Hayden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Hayden, of 1212 E. 222nd St., Torrance, completed four weeks of individual combat training Dec. 23, at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Donald P. Knudson, driver first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Knudson of 1223 Arlington Ave., and husband of the former Miss Virginia I. Hendrix of Waukegan, Ill., is serving at the Naval Station, Adak, Alaska.

Personnel at the station are assigned to units designed to help support sea and land units of the Pacific Fleet.

Cal-Vet Homeowners Can Get Disability Insurance

Additional disability insurance protection at no extra cost has been approved for "Cal-Vet" farm and home purchasers, effective Jan. 1, 1958. An increase from \$70 to \$80 in monthly payments on behalf of disabled contract holders was approved by the California Veterans Board, following study of a favorable experience report by the two insuring companies.

Property Protected
Under the disability clause of the Home Protection Plan of life insurance a veteran buying his property with a state loan who becomes unable to earn a living due to injury or illness need not keep up his monthly loan installments. Instead, the insurance companies will pay \$60 to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to be credited to the veteran's account, beginning after the first three months of total disability.

The benefit boost takes effect on the third anniversary of inclusion of this feature in the Home Protection Plan employed by Cal-Vet property holders. Paying \$50 a month when it was inaugurated in January,

1955, the benefit was expanded to \$70 a month in December, 1956. The cost has remained a flat 80 cents per month.

77,000 Covered
This protection blankets some 77,000 California war veterans and is one of the package benefits in the Cal-Vet loan program. Some 15 veterans a month have been taking advantage of disability insurance. A total of \$80 have done so since the plan's inauguration.

The \$80 disability payments will be applied monthly to the contracts of 124 veterans currently listed as disabled.

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